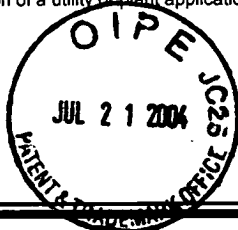


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.



Application Number	09/015,287
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First Named Inventor	Koji Nozaki, et al.
Group Art Unit	1752
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on:
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | 07/22/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000024 09015287 | |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | 01 FC:1801 | 770.00 OP |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | 02 FC:1202 | 72.00 OP |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

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Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

Fees

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$824.00 (filing fee \$770.00 and extra claim fee \$72.00) is enclosed.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) - (\$770.00) and
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - (\$0.00)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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This Submission is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued
Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Please amend the claims as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 this paper.